

MILLIONS IF NEEDED

Spain Will Not Demand Lee's Recall.

And the United States Yield a Point.

The Cruiser Montgomery To Go to Havana, But Not to Carry Supplies.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—There were no less than five important events today having a bearing more or less directly upon the troubled relations between the United States and Spain, viz., the introduction in congress by Mr. Cannon of a resolution carrying \$50,000,000 for the purpose of defense, the withdrawal by the Spanish government of its intimated objection to the continuance in office of Consul-General Lee, the order for the cruiser Montgomery to proceed to Havana in place of the Fern, the passage through the house of the bill increasing the artillery by two regiments, and the institution of proceedings looking to the purchase of war ships for our navy.

Mr. Cannon's resolution probably laid all other topics in interest, particularly when it became known that it was the result of a conference between the author, the President, Senator Hale and other leading spirits in congress.

As for General Lee's interests, the news of the satisfactory ending of the incident through the withdrawal of the suggestion by Spain was expected as soon as it was noted that a telephone had been laid over the line to make the complaint in anything like official shape. Some fear is expressed that the consul-general will not find his post very congenial now that he knows he is an unwelcome guest in Havana, but the administration is relying upon his devotion to the welfare of the American people and American interests generally.

Club and American interests generally. To submit his own personal wishes to resign, and remain at his post.

Late in the afternoon Senator Dubois, the Spanish charge d'affaires, received a cipher cablegram from the minister of state at Madrid, Senator Gallou, saying: "You can state that an official application has been made for the recall of General Lee."

This confirmed Mr. Dubois's statement that a misapprehension had occurred, and that some intimation concerning General Lee had been construed into a request or demand for his recall, which, Mr. Dubois says with positive news, was never intended.

As there has been no explanation so far of the purpose which prompted the introduction of Mr. Cannon's resolution, it may be said that the money was wanted primarily as an emergency fund. It is said by officials who will have the disposition of this treasure that it by no means follows because congress places such a sum of money in the control of the President that he will feel bound to spend all of it. Those who look for a wholesale purchase of warships from the largest countries of Europe and builders are likely to be disappointed. The navy department at present is inclined to make but one purchase of this kind, at first at least, in the shape of a substantial ironclad. It also desires to get possession of several of the larger class of torpedo boat destroyers, such as the Haka of the Russian navy, vessels of 1300 tons able to keep with our own boats, and capable of enormous speed, such as thirty-two knots. But such craft are not for sale at all times.

They are built to order generally and could not be procured in this manner in less than six months from the date of contract, even in Europe, unless special prices were paid. There is no disposition on the part of the navy department to limit the navy with a lot of unseaworthy craft in a spirit of fear, but rather to get a few of the best vessels to be had.

The offers of ships to the navy department are now assuming definite and formal shape. During the day Secretary Long received a call from A. P. Lane, representing the Maxin-Nordenfeldt Company and the agents for several warships now nearing completion in large foreign ship yards. These include two cruisers of the type of the Cincinnati, which are designed to be 20-knot vessels and two iron-clads of 14 knots, which would be called third-class battleships under our rating. These are now open to purchase, and it is understood that Mr. Lane's visit was in this connection. The two new cruisers are 330 feet long, 42 feet beam and 10 feet draft. They carry six 6-inch and four 5-inch guns and an auxiliary battery. The iron-clads have a 13½ inch belt of Harveyized steel. The Cincinnati has 10-inch guns, four 5-inch, two 6-inch, six 6-pounders and four 1-pounders.

Mr. Lane regards these ships as first-class in every particular, as they were designed on modern principles and are being built by one of the leading shipbuilding firms in Europe. All four, it is said, could be in commission within a few months. They were originally designed for use of the South American republics, but there is said to be no objection which would prevent their acquisition by the United States.

Mr. Lane recently told the navy department that the Maxin-Nordenfeldt field rapid fire guns and his standing with officials is such as to give his representations as to ships much weight.

ment. The army is as short as the navy of these essential stores. It has been found, greatly to the gratification of the army officers, that there will not be so much difficulty in securing modern arms for the army, even on a war footing, as was anticipated. This is because certain private gun makers have just brought out a type of rotating rifle very similar in general feature to the army rifle, using the same cartridge of .30 gauge and with about as great a rapidity of fire. The plans of these companies are so extensive that they could turn the arms out very rapidly, so that the Springfield in the hands of the militia could be replaced in short order.

In connection with the subject of purchasing ammunition it is said that no contracts have been closed, but that the department has informed itself as to how speedily it could secure every kind of ammunition and supplies in case of emergency.

This inquiry has shown, in a general way, that the facilities of this country are ample to meet the demand for powder, projectiles, cartridges, primers, fuses, etc. These supplies are not kept in stock, however, and in case of emergency they would have to be made on orders. It is said that the capacity of one of the factories turning out the brown powder required by the navy is 5,000,000 rounds per month, which would more than meet the demand of a conflict.

While no estimate has been made of the share of the \$50,000,000 appropriation to be allowed to ammunition, it is estimated at least 10,000,000 would be so consigned, owing to the enormous cost of refilling the ammunition chests of the warlike service. At present there is not enough ammunition in hand for one refilling beyond that on board. A single refilling costs \$8,000,000. Each of the battleships carries 400 tons of ammunition. With the amounts on hand and the refills which are being calculated on, the navy would have an ample supply of ammunition, even if the ships were called into frequent action.

Naval officers explain that a refill will last through several engagements, owing to the limit of endurance of men while in action. If the guns could be worked constantly, a refill would be exhausted in one heavy engagement, but the guns as well as the men have their limit of endurance. These considerations have all been taken into account in the rough estimate that has been made as to the refills requisite for the American fleet.

No word issued. The appropriation for the national defense, which provision was made in the bill introduced in the house today by Mr. Cannon, will not involve the issue of bonds. This announcement was made by the treasury officials, who stated that the treasury was amply prepared to meet any demands that would likely be made on it. On February 1, the cash in the treasury amounted to \$850,571,750, of which \$204,003,071 was gold; \$511,568,516 silver; \$107,564,958 in paper currency and \$33,084,002 in debenture office balances, etc. The net available cash on hand above all amounted to \$223,554,205.

THE MONTGOMERY. It is not felt at the navy department that the people of the Montgomery are taking any particular risks in going into Havana at this time, for it is said, should hostilities break out it is a rule of honorable warfare that they be sent to subvert the power of the waters of the country. Of course General Lee and the members of the court of inquiry at Havana would be equally exempt from molestation.

The personnel of the Montgomery is: Commander, Quavore; lieutenant commander and executive officer, the Adjutant; naval lieutenant, Lieutenant Hunt; naval attaché, Lieutenant Field; and Eugene Steiguer, Spear of Osborne; surgeon, Dr. Curtis; paymaster, Ramsey; chief engineer, Feaver; assistant engineer, Allen. The ship carries a crew of 238 men of all classes. Without delay the officers of the Adjutant General's department today gave the necessary orders for the recruiting of the new artillery regiments authorized by congress. The purpose is to outfit such men as have had service in the artillery wherever possible, and no doubt is entertained that plenty of material of the right kind will be offered. The names of the officers of the new regiments are now being selected. As for the men, it is the plan to enlist fifteen soldiers from existing artillery regiments as the nucleus of each new company to take hold and break in the new men who enlist, and it is expected that in a very short time. Uncle Sam will have two grand regiments. The headquarters of one of the regiments will be established at Fort Mifflin, Long Island Sound, commanding New York, and there are quite a number available there. The destination of the other company has not been decided upon.

No report has come to the navy department since Saturday relative to the work of the court of inquiry at Havana, and the news is confined to the reports of the newspaper which are carefully scanned by the officials.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT. Key West, March 7.—It is hardly expected that the Montgomery will leave for Havana before morning and her departure may be further delayed. The official reason for the Montgomery's going to Havana is that she is merely to relieve the dispatch boat Fern. A naval officer, one of the few at the time this dispatch is sent who was aware of the latest change of plans, said he thought it most significant that a cruiser of the Montgomery's class should be sent to take the place of a mere dispatch boat.

The officials expressed the greatest surprise when shown the Associated Press dispatch from Washington, regarding the sending of the Montgomery to Havana, as the strictest orders had been issued to keep this movement secret. The frequent changes in orders during the last twenty-four hours have thrown all the naval arrangements and operations into confusion in more or less disorder.

A Mailory line steamer is expected Wednesday with provisions for Cuba. This afternoon the torpedo boat Porter arrived from Manila. The torpedo boat Cushing will probably have to be laid up for repairs, and the Ericson is in none too good condition. A schooner with coal for the fleet at the Tortugas passed during the afternoon.

PORT TOWNSEND RECOVERED. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 7.—Information was received here today to the effect that Fort Townsend would be

reoccupied by soldiers within the next six weeks. Captain W. W. Robinson, assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., arrived this morning, and was busy all day inspecting the post and noting needed repairs.

The first gun for the defense of Puget sound arrived and was unloaded today at Marysstone point, where the United States fortifications are in course of construction. The gun will be placed in position as speedily as possible.

The gun is of 10-inch caliber, and it is stated that another gun will arrive in ten days.

COALING THE FLEET. WASHINGTON, March 7.—Secretary Long sent to congress today for including in the urgent deficiency bill an estimate of an appropriation of \$300,000 to be immediately available for the equipment of vessels in the navy for the present fiscal year and for the immediate supply of 10,000 tons of coal to Key West. The report accompanying the estimate shows the bunker capacity of the ships of the navy now in the vicinity of the Dry Tortugas and Key West is about 12,000 tons, and the storage capacity of the coal sheds at Key West is about 4300 tons. The largest vessels of the fleet, the Secretary says, cannot approach nearer than seven miles to Key West. At present they coal from schooners at Tortugas and at other places near by, when they are permitted. There is one flat lighter with a capacity of 3000 tons now at Key West. This is not suitable for use at any distance from the port.

AN ALLIANCE STRIKE. SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Owing to the strike of the steel workers at the Pacific Rolling Mills in this city work upon the battleship Wisconsin, which was recently ordered rushed, has been delayed very materially. The contract for the steel moldings had been sublet by the Union Iron Works to the Pacific Rolling Mills for the purpose of expediting matters, but when the men were asked to work over time they struck for extra wages which were considered exorbitant by the officials of the rolling mills. The result was that almost the entire force of molders went out on February 28th and the places of the strikers have not yet been filled. The foundrymen are now considering the advisability of striking the plant for the necessary castings that some of the large works there.

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CALIFORNIA WINE MAKERS

Not Disquieted by a Few Cheap Sales.

The Wine Supply is Quite Short.

Not Enough in the Hands of the Dealers to Meet All Demands.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—A widespread interest in the present condition of the wine industry in California has been developed through the announcement by the Associated Press of the sale of a large quantity of wine at 8 cents per gallon.

In an interview today with Charles A. Wetmore, one of the most of the California vinticulturists, whose reputation as an expert wine man is well known, and whose products have received the highest awards both in this country and Europe, Mr. Wetmore said: "The sale of 240,000 gallons at from 8 to 9 cents per gallon to the California Wine Association, a syndicate of wholesale dealers, was only a forced sale of property, and under execution to a bank, and does not indicate that the market is permanently broken until this sale has been made use of by brokers of wholesale wine speculators to break the prices of large lots of wines of the last vintage, some of which by reason of the financial distresses of the producers have to be sold before they are fit for consumption."

A union of the country wine makers has been formed to prevent any long-continued depression, and it is said that that not more than 10 per cent of the last vintage will be offered to go off at a sacrifice on cost of production. Nearly all the choice wines of the state are in country cellars, and will not be sold until remunerative prices are restored. Efforts are now being made to bring distant consumers and dealers into direct communication with country producers who are also distributors, and who city merchants who deal in straight goods.

The old style of mixing the products of all wine districts in San Francisco cellars, and cheapening compounds by stilling in such mixture, material which is only fit for distillation, will continue only so long as the trade encourages a ruinous competition in prices and consumers fail to demand better grades, which can always be obtained at fair prices if they insist upon being supplied with better goods.

Quotations for large cellars of new wines are misleading to the public, but it is not understood that only cheap common wines are so quoted, and that therefore when they are offered for distribution considerable additional expenses of removal, storage, treatment and cooerage must be incurred. Such prices are available only to a few speculators who have large storage facilities, capital and expensive distributing agencies. Fine wines are never quoted in large bulk, but are subject to private negotiations, according to quality, age and condition. The wine districts vary in quality and style of products as they do in their distinctive qualities, which will not be generally known until their trade is supplied directly from the distributors in the district having privilege characteristics.

The best illustration of the present confusion in handling the new wines, which can now be bought, is the present loading of a ship with wines for Hamburg. The agent who came here for this purpose is paying for new wines for this purpose at 11 to 12½ cents per gallon, while city speculators are refusing to take them at 8 cents.

The impression that there is overproduction or unmanageable supply is removed by a month's hard work of careful investigation. There is an actual deficit in the wine supply. The annual consumption of California wines is now about 22,000,000 gallons. There is not more than 3,000,000 gallons of wines one year old in the hands of wholesale dealers and not more than 5,000,000 gallons in the hands of the producers.

The last vintage was a large one but when ready for market it will have been reduced by distillation of poor material and evaporation, so that it will scarcely supply one year's demand and the next vintage will, without the slightest doubt, be far short of the necessary demand. It is reported that some wholesale dealers are even already shipping East the new wines at fair prices. It is in the power of consumers to prevent this kind of warfare for cheap prices, by demanding better qualities and showing their willingness to pay fair prices.

It will probably be intimated to the authorities at Washington as plainly as diplomatic words can intimate it that Canada will shut up the Yukon as tight as a bottle, turn back all American miners and keep the gold fields as they are, undeveloped, until a railway can be built from an ocean port of British Columbia into the region rather than submit to terms of the sort contained in the bill.

Cited to Appent. Judge Risley yesterday cited A. L. Hobbs to appear and show cause why he should not be discharged as assignee of the estate of Noble Brothers, an insolvent debtor. Mr. Hobbs states that he paid money out of his own pocket, and desired to continue as assignee until he has made all the collections so as to reimburse himself.

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- LINEN HUCK TOWELS, extra size, fringed ends, regular 25c, sale price 17c.
- 18-inch CHECKED LINEN TOWELING, good quality, regular 10c, sale price 6c.
- 18-inch BLEACHED LINEN TOWELING, colored border, regular 12½c, sale price 9c.
- 18-inch BLEACHED DAMASK TOWELING, regular 15c, sale price 9c.
- Lot 1—LACE CURTAINS, 2½ yards long, regular 60c pair, sale price 35c.
- Lot 2—LACE CURTAINS, 3 yards long, regular \$1, sale price 67c.
- Lot 3—LACE CURTAINS, 3½ yards long, 64 inches wide, regular \$2, sale price \$1.25.
- Lot 4—LACE CURTAINS, 3½ yards long, 54 inches wide, regular \$2.50, sale price \$1.45.
- COTTON SHEET BLANKETS, white, regular 75c, sale price 45c.
- 10-4 WHITE COTTON BLANKETS, regular \$1.50, sale price \$1.
- 11-4 WHITE COTTON BLANKETS, regular \$2, sale price \$1.15.
- 11-4 STOCKTON WOOLEN MILLS BLUE GRAY BLANKETS, regular \$7.50, sale price \$4.65.
- 9-4 UNBLEACHED SHEETING, heavy quality, per yard 11½c.
- 9-4 UNBLEACHED SHEETING, heavy quality, per yard 13c.
- 5-4 UNBLEACHED PLYLOW CASE SHEETING, per yard 7½c.
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Given under my hand this 21st day of October 1897. S. C. ST. JOHN,
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H. H. Welch, attorney for plaintiff.

By W. R. WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk.

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FRESNO will wait many years for another offer of 200 acres of land for a park.

This people of this country have reason to feel thankful that they have a man of good sound sense in the Presidential chair instead of a jingo or a gallery player.

The correspondents of the yellow papers are the only ones who have been able to see that portion of the Maine wreck that is deeply buried in the mud of Havana harbor. When it comes to mud, they are right in it.

In the nomination of Hon. W. W. Bowers for collector of customs at the port of San Diego the President has made a most satisfactory selection. The appointment will be heartily indorsed by the people of this district.

The report that A. B. Butler is negotiating the sale of a half interest in the *Expositor* to "Pop" Letcher is doubtless attributable to the belief that the former's candor will take up so much of his time that he will no longer be able to perform the duties of managing editor.

The Trustees gently laid the park proposition on the table, where it will rest in peace. There seems to be nothing more to say, though in passing it may be noted that Los Angeles has just accepted a donation of 3500 acres of land for a park, situated more remotely than the land offered Fresno. They do things differently down there.

It will cost considerable money to put this country on a war footing, but only the most pronounced optimists have failed to see the necessity for better coast and naval defenses, even when there was no war cloud on the horizon. The creation of increased indebtedness will be regretted, but the exigencies of the situation are likely to prove such that congress will authorize the action.

IN REGARD TO SPRINKLING STREETS.

If there is any one municipal service which should be better performed than others in Fresno it is that of street sprinkling. This service has not been all that it should have been and the Republican very earnestly hopes to see improvements made during the present season. There have been two serious drawbacks in the past, one of them the neglect to bring out the sprinklers until the streets have become thoroughly dry and cut with ruts and holes, and the other the failure to sprinkle on Sundays.

Of necessity the sprinklers are being brought out earlier than usual this spring; and the Republican knows that it voices a practically unanimous demand when it calls for Sunday sprinkling. It is more needed on Sunday than any other day of the week for the reason that hundreds of people who are too busily engaged earning a livelihood on other days find the time to give themselves and families a airing on that day, and vehicles of every description are brought into use. When the streets are left unsprinkled a cloud of dust results that destroys pleasure and endangers health. Not only is the discomfort very great, but extra labor and water are required on the following days to overcome the accumulated dust.

The Republican therefore makes the suggestion in due season when the bids are advertised for that they include sprinkling on Sunday the same as on other days of the week. The Trustee can rest assured that such action will meet with public approval.

FRESNO is not getting its share of conventions, though owing to its favorable location and other advantages it should be known as the Convention City. Fresno's greatest present need is a pavilion that will accommodate large gatherings and that can be used as an exposition hall. If we had such a structure the great majority of the conventions that now go to other cities would be held here. Whatever the cost might be of erecting an exposition building and convention hall it would pay for itself many times over in a few years, besides giving the city many thousands of dollars worth of advertising. We believe this is a project worthy the consideration of our business men and should like to see them talk it over with the view of taking immediate action in case they concluded that it was feasible at this time.

AN UNWARRANTED HOWL.

The banks of Fresno are overflowing with money. Does any one see where a considerable sum could be used in a safe and useful enterprise? We do not believe it.—*Fresno Expositor*.

A big ice factory is now in course of construction in Fresno that will require an investment of over \$75,000, a large raising of capital is shortly to be built and others are in contemplation, and more building in a general way is going on than there has been at any time during the past four or six years. Not only this, but people whose minds are not warped completely out of shape by political bias can see in Fresno at the present time a very promising field for many other investments, which are destined to come as confidence strengthens in the permanence of better times. There is undoubtedly a good opening

here for a big investment in electric car lines, in a brewery, woolen mills, in a glass fruit and fruit preserving factory, a pottery works and tile factory, and several other industries. That capital will become interested in some of these opportunities in the near future is quite certain, though, as a matter of course, a constant wall by pessimistic politicians is calculated to retard all kinds of industry. It is an obvious calamity howler, indeed, who decries the favorable conditions of his own community.

It seems rather strange to read in the San Francisco papers that a question has been raised among the authorities as to the legality of prize fights. The people who pay a certain number of gentlemen to go to Sacramento and make laws for them have all along been under the belief that prize fights are illegal, and a glance at the statute of 1893 confirms this belief. The law says:

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons within this state to engage in what is generally known as prize-fighting, with or without gloves, whereby bruising or maiming, or other serious bodily injury, may result to the participants.

This is certainly clear enough, though the San Francisco intellect has evidently not been able to grasp its meaning. Every one of the "glove contests" that have taken place in the metropolis since the passage of this law was a prize fight and nothing less, and it is a disgrace to the authorities that they permitted such outrageous violations of the law. There is talk of calling upon Governor Budd to assist in suppressing these brutal exhibitions. It is discreditable to the San Francisco authorities that the Governor may have to be resorted to, but if it comes to that point it is to be hoped that the chief executive will do his duty.

There are different kinds of gambling going on in Fresno at present, but the pool room evil is the worst. We should like to see this den closed first, after which the authorities should give some more attention to the nickel-in-the-slot machines and the card games. The last named form of gambling we have with us always, save when the grand jury is in session, and though it does not find as many victims as the slot machines it has done much evil. The men who have been running the games these many years are fat and wear diamonds, and it is high time to retire them from business. We do not know how many times it will be necessary to say all this before the authorities will do their duty, but we are going to make the experiment and give the newspapers of other towns the benefit of our experience.

The San Francisco *Post* says: It is quite certain that if Spain cannot obtain sympathy from the British she will go under in the controversy with the United States without firing a shot.

It is not likely that Spain will get anything from England that she does not pay for in hard cash, but we do not believe on that account she would not be able to fire a gun if forced to the issue by this government. There can be no doubt regarding the final outcome of a war between the United States and Spain, but we are inclined to believe with Secretary Sherman that the tendency is to underestimate the strength of the adversary. The conflict would be in the main a naval one, and Spain is not unprepared for that.

The *Times Register* divides Americans into three classes on the question of war, viz: the jingo, the goo-goo and the people who have business to attend to and do not want to be interrupted by blood and carnage in the yellow newspapers, but are ready and willing to fight whenever the honor or rights of the American people demand it. Fortunately for the welfare and stability of the country the latter class are in a very large majority. There are just enough of the jingoes, who talk fight all the time, and of the goo-gooes, who wouldn't fight under any circumstances, to make us wish that the breeds might become extinct.

It is stated that in Indiana last year 82,312 persons, or one person in every twenty-seven, received public aid. If the Indiana laws of Indiana do not require revision then that state is in a pretty bad way. But the laws or the administration of them are undoubtedly to blame for this state of affairs, for, from all reports, Indiana is not behind other states in prosperity. The Indiana question is a very troublesome one, but we are glad that it has not become as serious in this state as it evidently is in Indiana.

GENERAL LEE is all right and so is President McKinley, and congress and the American people will be found O. K. in case the efforts of this government to put an end to the inhuman war in Cuba result in war between this country and Spain. Conservatism and patience has marked the course of the administration, and this nation will have the advantage of being clearly in the right if war shall result.

It is said that "common sense" is needed to solve the Cuban problem, but "common sense" is lacking everywhere. The American people are becoming restive under McKinley's inactivity.—*Modesto News*.

EVIDENTLY if the editor of the esteemed *News* were President war would have been declared before we had enough powder in stock to fight a single battle, but the country might have had reason to regret his precipitancy.

A RECENT Washington dispatch stated that President McKinley was inclined to regard with favor the plan of pledging the United States to the payment of the purchase price of Cuban freedom, and the *Rec* of Sacramento has worked itself into a cast-iron sweat over the matter. It swallows the report as gospel truth and throws great gobs of denunciation at the President. The report, we have no doubt, is without the least foundation and if the *Rec* is not of the same

opinion it has less sense than we credited it with. If McKinley has given such a proposition any consideration at all, it is doubtless because it came from an authoritative Cuban source, in which event it should be given consideration. The *Rec* should not be so quick to believe every report concerning the President. Let it wait until it gets news concerning the President's policy from an authoritative source, then if it doesn't like it, it may "shoot off its mouth" to its heart's content without cutting so absurd a figure.

One war is not enough for the yellow papers. They are now pouring hot shot into England because it is reported that the Canadian police have hoisted the English flag over American territory in Alaska. They'll be fighting the whole of Europe soon.

KARL DECKER, the rescuer of Evangelina Cienega, doesn't seem to think the thrashing given him by a naval officer the other day worth being described by his talented pen.

RANDOM REMARKS.

The *Rec* says that the Loud postal bill is not even a whisper now. It will make considerable noise, though, in Mr. Loud's district next fall.

A Bulgarian editor was assassinated last Saturday because he had failed to print a communication. If the writers of communications to journals in this country were to murder the editors who gave them the marmosine heart promotion in the newspaper business would be much more rapid. Of course this is not thrown out as a suggestion.

It is reported that the Spanish government has bought the new battleship *O'Higgins* from Chile. A ship with the name of O'Higgins can prove nothing but a hoodoo to the Spanish navy. As horrible a fate is likely to overtake her as befell the Maine, which, though named after a prohibition state, was christened with a small boy.

The *Stockton Independent* also declares itself in favor of the whipping post for wife-beaters and suggests that "three lashes on the bare back for every blow inflicted on a woman would be the right measure." The *Independent* has probably done considerable "gurgling" on this matter and is prepared to accept its conclusion that three blows for one is the right measure; but how is it to be ascertained how many blows the wife-beater inflicted on his better half? Ninety per cent of the women who prefer battery charges against their husbands afterwards refuse to prosecute, and the other ten per cent of tender-hearted fools would probably say, in answer to the district attorney's question, "Oh, sir, he only struck me once, and not very hard at that." If a whipping-post is to be set up for wife-beaters a "graduated scale" of lashes will not answer the purpose; it must be a fixed number of stripes for the offender, no matter if he struck one blow or twenty. In fact one blow may do as much injury as twenty.

The *Sacramento Bee* is still fulminating against the demon "Grammar." The manner in which it refers to the great writers whenever it lambastes Lindsey Murray would give the casual reader the impression that Shakespeare, Paine, Macaulay, Burke, Dickens, etc., totally disregarded the rules of grammar in their writings. Of course nothing could be further from the fact. Byron said, "Better to err with Pope than abide with Fyde," but it is only a Byron who has a right to say this. There are obligations resting upon the mediocre writer which men of genius may safely disregard. If he write prose, he must have a regard for the rules of grammar; if he would not be accused of ignorance of his mother tongue; if he write verse, he must observe the laws of versification or be laughed at as a pretentious fool. To illustrate: "Swift, somewhere in Gulliver's Travels, speaks of the dangers Gulliver 'had undergone'." Now we can endure that from Swift. He probably knew better, but if he didn't, why, it matters not. But when a friend says of Alvin Karpis "He has went," then the whole state laughs. From prose let us go to poetry. Dryden wrote:

Thus when the swain within a hollow rock
Invades the bees with suffocating smoke.

This is permissible in a Dryden, but if Evangelina Squash, the poetess of Dry Creek, were to give "smoke" as a rhyme for "rock" we should ask the citizens up there to make her out. This poetical example has nothing to do with grammar, to be sure, but I quoted it merely to show that ordinary people dare not take the same liberties with the English language that extraordinary people do. I do not consider the *Bee's* tendency to students to "throw the rules of English grammar into the fire" good, though I agree heartily with it in its injunction to them to pin their faith on the great writers. Some knowledge of grammar is necessary, for, in my opinion, a human being should not learn his language like a parrot.

R. M. M.

MODEL FURNITURE STORE.

The Excavation Made for Lyon & Kennedy's New Building.

The excavation has been made for Lyon & Kennedy's new furniture store on I street, next to their present location. The structure, when completed, will be one of the most up-to-date furniture buildings in the state. Messrs. Lyon & Kennedy having examined a number of establishments of different cities before selecting the place prepared for the building, and they have incorporated the best features of them all.

The structure will be one story with a gallery. It will be constructed entirely of steel and brick, the fifty-foot front will be of plate glass, the only obstruction in the view being the door frame which will be of steel and steel strips on inch and a half wide between the heavy panes of big plate glass. The building will be a notable ornament to the business houses of the city.

THE JUDGMENT SUSTAINED.

The Supreme Court Affirms the Fontke-DeWitt Case.

The supreme court yesterday affirmed the decision of Judge Hixley in the case of H. A. Fontke and wife against H. G. DeWitt, which was decided in this county nearly two years ago. DeWitt sold some lots to Mr. and Mrs. Fontke and then refused to deliver to them the deed until they had made a settlement with a number of creditors whom DeWitt was seeking to protect.

Judge Hixley decided that it was not DeWitt's place to endeavor to protect any creditors, and ordered him to deliver the deed. From that decision an appeal was taken and the case was "hung up" in the supreme court for nearly two years.

GOOD ROADS.

The State League Advises the Organization of Branches.

The importance of organizing minor Good Roads Leagues cannot be overestimated. The objects to be attained, when concentrated into one definite idea and plan, can be more readily secured by each organization as we propose. All who have good roads and who sign our constitution and by-laws are welcome to join this league and will be made members of the same. We are prepared at all times to receive and adopt suggestions that are practical, and give our entire support to them.

Our constituents, and we might say our only one, is to finally interest our people in a direction of seeking and securing for themselves, highways practically constructed and economically maintained. Although it is very rare that you will find any one opposed to the present idea of having good roads, yet you ask them what they will do, and what particular benefit they are to their county, they are unable to give any definite reply. Therefore, if we only stimulate inquiry, bring out discussion, and encourage debate upon all questions, have we not accomplished a great deal? Does not experience teach us that good roads increase population? Increase property value? Increase railroad business? Promote prosperity? Promote civilization and decrease living expenses? What a state we shall have when once we have obtained good roads! Will any one be found who will deny these statements?

The necessity for a thorough and systematic organization of good roads leagues throughout the state is more and more evident. In several counties, particularly Sacramento and San Mateo, there have been long and arduous and capitalists ready to take the bonds, but the legality of said issue has been seriously, if not permanently, attacked by well-known legal authority, such as Judge Dillon of New York; therefore the legality of these bonds must be fixed by law before they are available and safe investments. In our judgment, the proper place to go with such a proposition is the next legislature. With an organization such as we expect to have at our command asking the right to issue good road bonds and good road laws, which we believe should be enacted, we will receive immediate attention, and our demands will be granted without question.

If our people only make a slight effort and join these leagues we will succeed. Let us get together at once.

Not the Rain Wanted.

From the Visalia Delta.
The summer days are near at hand,
The days when heat and rain,
Mosquitoes, crabs and thorned cats
Reign 'neath our placid skies.

Incandescent lights, renewals, etc., at the new Electric Supply Store, 1117 I street.

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The Tuolumne County Mining and Development Co. Declares a Dividend.

The Directors of the Tuolumne County Mining and Development Co. have declared their first dividend of \$1 per share. The secretary will have the checks ready for the stockholders at the office of the company any time after March 10th.

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1 set Work Harness, complete.....10 00
1 new Top Buggy.....55 00
13 new Plows.....1 00

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brake.....60 00
1 new Carriage.....22 50
6 pairs Ruggy Shafts.....2 50
3 Blacksmith Bellows, 31x31-inch 7 00

We propose to sell only the above quantity. After they are sold the prices will be regular. Now if you are looking for low prices there they are, and don't delay a moment. They will be sold only for cash.

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Opposite S. P. Freight Depot, Front Street.

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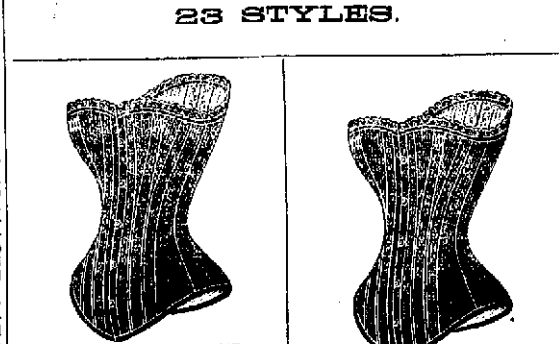
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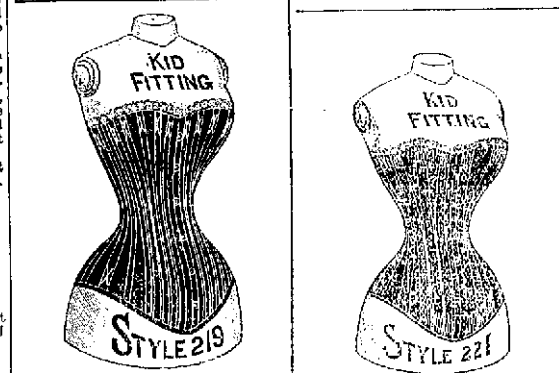
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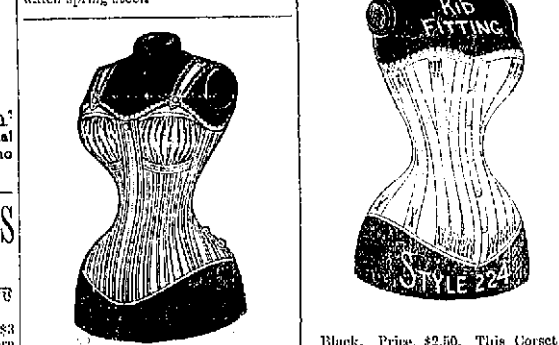


Black and drab. Price, \$1.25. This is a long waist Corset, well boned and steels, and guaranteed to wear.

Black and gray. Price, \$1.50. Long waist, five hooks, fine quality of cotton, fine and strong quality of lining, with linen tape at waist and extra long back. Sizes 31 to 35 are \$1.75.



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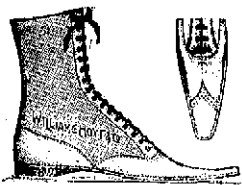
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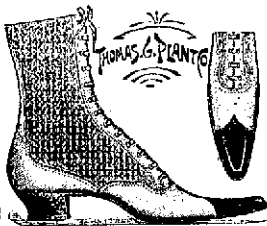
is always an interesting topic. This season ours is unusually handsome. Everything in beauty and symmetry that the shoe builders' art can devise—the newest in style, shape and color—we are able to offer you. Outside of San Francisco and Los Angeles no other house in the State can offer you equal advantages, and we ask the favor of a critical examination of our lines.



\$2.50.

Misses' and Children's Dress Shoes, never so nobby as this season, silk vesting tops, fine vici kid, latest toe and tip, in lace and button.

Our Tan Vici Kid Shoes, the same as above are also in: \$2.00 11 to 12. \$2.50



\$3.00.

We have now eclipsed all previous efforts, and can show this season a very handsome line of Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Fancy Silk Vesting Top Lace Shoes, the very latest style toe and tip. Price, \$3.

Ladies' Dark Brown Vici Kid Lace Shoes, very latest toes, spring heels. \$2 50

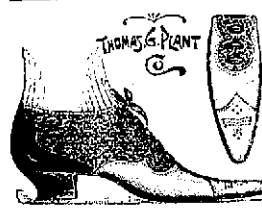
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A full line of Boys' Lace Shoes in fine vici kid or a handsome shade of dark brown, latest style toe, an elegant shoe for summer wear. \$2 and \$2 50

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THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

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Barometer, dry bulb.....20.95
Temperature, dry bulb.....70
Humidity, percent.....55
Wind, NW (miles per hour).....4
Maximum Temperature for past 24 hours.....74
Minimum Temperature for past 24 hours.....48
Total rainfall past 24 hours, inches......00
Total rainfall for season, inches.....8.44

Weather Forecast.
San Francisco, March 7.—Official forecast for forty-eight hours, ending at 5 p.m. March 8. — Northern California — Cloudy Tuesday; light showers; cooler in the San Joaquin valley and east; southerly winds.
Southern California — Cloudy Tuesday with easterly winds.

The REPUBLICAN may be had in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel news stand.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Grizzly tobacco
Fifty cents per one pound can;
Winslow's corn, eight and one-third Cents per can. Holland & Holland.
See McCullum's show windows.
Fresh fish today at City Market.
Fresh salmon today at Blacklock's.
Wood and coal at Dorsey & Parker's.
World bicycles, \$35.00—R. G. Darton & Co.
Read W. McCullum & Co's. ad. on the editorial page.

Ripe oranges for sale, \$1 per hundred at 355 J street.

For the largest stock of wash dress fabrics go to McCullum's.

Stated meeting of Trips Chapter No. 69, R. A. M., this evening.

W. McCullum & Co. are showing exclusive styles in Wash Goods.

Grape stalks for sale by Sanger Lumber Co. See ad. in another column.

Republican business office, telephone main 97. Editorial rooms, main 101.

Fresno county pure olive oil in quart bottles for sale at Louis Einstein & Co.'s.

There will be a meeting of the W.O.T.U. this afternoon in the K-street M. E. church.

"Imperial Fresno" on sale at Crenier's, Kiege's, South & Fuenten's and the Republican office.

For rent—the store at 1023 I street, opposite White Front Stores. Inquire of A. Wellheimer.

Just the thing to send to your friends in the East—"Imperial Fresno" in leatherette, 75 cents.

The suit of Jessie M. Peck against Charles M. Peck was yesterday dismissed by stipulation.

Herbert & Brown, stationers, have removed to the Donohoe building, 1124 I street, next to W. Parker Lyon's.

Harry Spaulding, Thomas Pierce and Charles Smith, vagrants, were ordered to leave town yesterday by Recorder Clark.

William Quintin, vagrant, was sentenced to ninety days in jail by Recorder Clark yesterday. Quintin is an old offender.

As previously announced, the ladies of the Baptist Church will give a Klondike social Thursday evening, March 17th, at the church.

Dna Morrison was given a six month's sentence by Justice Austin yesterday for endeavoring to escape from the chalmag.

Frank Stewart, Frank Martinez and Charles Wilson, vagrants, were sentenced to fifteen days each in the county jail by Justice St. John yesterday.

A petition was yesterday sent to County Superintendent of Schools Kirk's office seeking that a half section of Kroeber district be annexed to the city school.

"Imperial Fresno," showing the resources, industries and scenery of Fresno county, may be had at the Republican office, 1845 Tulare street. Leatherette 75c, cloth \$1.00.

Miss Alma Scott entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. U. Scott, 162 Howard street. Dancing and games furnished amusement until a late hour.

All who are interested in gold mining will find it profitable to attend the meeting this evening at DeWitt hall, where the Shaban gold dredger will be fully explained. Admission free. Reserved seats for ladies.

The King's Daughters will be at the White Front Stores from Thursday, March 3d, to Wednesday, March 9th, inclusive. A liberal patronage during this interval will be duly appreciated. Mrs. Lucine Baker, corresponding secretary.

Two professors of the State University will attend the Farmers' Institute to be held at Malaga this week, but the committee having the arrangements in charge have not heard what professors will be on hand nor the subjects to be treated by them.

The Fancher Creek Nursery invites attention to its fine stock of fruit and ornamental trees, including all the latest varieties. Call and inspect them. Retail department, J street, opposite the Barton. Wholesale, H street, corner of Tolunumne. George C. Roeding, proprietor.

Oxford Bibles.

Prayer Books and Hymnals; complete line and cheaper than ever before at Rego's Book Store.

W. McCullum & Co. are headquarters for Ladies' Hosiery.

On J Street.

Fischer has removed to 1143 J street, between Mariposa and Fresno streets.

McCullum's.

McCullum's great sale is an epoch in the dry goods trade.

Klondike Social.

Hot for Klondike social Tuesday evening, March 8th. Admission and permission to find valuable nuggets, 10c at First Presbyterian church.

For the best \$1.00 Kid Gloves in America go to McCullum's.

For reliable standard Dry Goods go to McCullum's.

Incandescent lights, renewals, etc., at the new Electric Supply Store, 1117 J street.

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Beware of "cheap" baking powders. Alum makes good medicine but bad food.

Ask your doctor.

CANTUA MYSTERY

M. Molino Burned in His Cabin.

He Had Trouble With Claim Jumpers.

Another West Side Tragedy. Revenge and Robbery Perhaps the Motive.

M. Molino, a Mexican quicksilver miner, living in Cantua canyon, a wild and picturesque region of the Coast range mountains, has met a tragic death. Sunday friends of the man called to pay him a visit at his home, but they were startled to find his little two-room cabin in ashes. In the debris were the charred remains of Molino. Only the charred bones remained as an evidence of the unfortunate man's fate.

Yesterday Coroner G. L. Long received a telephone message from Big Panchoche in regard to the casualty, with a request that he hold an inquest and investigate the cause of Molino's death.

Molino's friends believe that he was murdered and several things substantiate this theory. His remains were not in that part of the house occupied by the bed. This is a point indicating that some enemy assassinated the man and then set fire to the building. He was temperate in his habits and in case of fire by accident during the time before he retired would have succeeded in escaping from the house. If a lamp had been left burning after he had retired and the fire resulted from an explosion, it is argued that he would have been burned to death while in bed.

Molino had a fine homestead and many persons coveted it. He was away from home a great deal of the time working in the New Idria quicksilver mines, and a few weeks ago tried to jump the claim. A bitter quarrel resulted. Molino continued in possession, but he feared trouble with persons who desired to secure the land.

The miner was about 30 years old and unmarried. He lived alone in his cabin and it was located several miles from any other house. For some years Molino has worked at gold wages, and his friends say that he was somewhat of a miser. It is believed that he kept a large amount of money at his cabin and perhaps robbery was the motive of the crime. No trace of the coin could be found in the ruins of the house.

Molino had not been seen several days and even to the isolation of his cabin the fire was noticed by no one. He may have been murdered and the house burned four or five days ago. This would give the murderer a good start and it is likely that the crime will become another West Side mystery that will baffle the officers for months to come.

A number of men have been murdered in the Cantua section. Last summer a wealthy sheepowner disappeared in that vicinity and no trace has ever been found of him. Constable J. E. Kerr of Ilwaco, who investigated the case, became convinced that he was murdered for his money.

KICKED FROM HIS BUGGY.

A. J. Paterson's Experience With a Young Horse Yesterday.

A. J. Paterson, the piano tuner, was kicked from his buggy yesterday morning by a colt which he was driving, the piano tuner landing in the middle of the street. He was driving on Fresno street, and when opposite House's stable he touched the young animal with the whip and the horse immediately began to kick. He threw his hand loose over the dashboard and in one of the vicious kicks broke the shaft.

Mr. Paterson then started to get out of his dangerous position, but while leaning over in the act of arising from the seat he was struck by both heels and hit into the air. One of the heels struck him directly over the heart, while the other landed on the right side near the ribs. It is rather a remarkable fact that none of the ribs were broken. Dr. Aiken was called to attend Paterson, who was suffering intense pain, and the physician found that a mark was left in the flesh over the heart, but he believes that the animal could not have struck the piano tuner squarely, or else he would have been killed instantly, as it does not require a very heavy hand blow to cause death.

Mr. Paterson was taken to his home, and late last night he did not show any signs of internal injury.

A Fine Cluster of Lemons.

A fine cluster of lemons from Dr. J. D. Hare's Orangela orchard are on exhibition at the Grand Central. There are fifteen lemons on one twig. The lemons are well shaped, of good commercial size and have smooth skins free from any great or small blemishes. In the same orchard two-year-old trees produced as high as one-half boxes of lemons this season.

In the Spring Time, Etc.

Marriage licenses were yesterday issued to R. L. Price, aged 29 years, of Madara, and Dora Russell, aged 17 years, of Olmito, the latter's parents consenting; James John Monahan, aged 42 years, and Rebecca Payne, aged 27 years, both of Fresno; and E. Thompson, aged 40 years, of Reedley, and Josephine Robb, aged 36 years, of Fresno.

Optical Defects Corrected.

It is of the utmost importance that optical defects should be treated scientifically. This is done in Fresno at Warner's by one of the most skillful and experienced opticians on the coast. J street, Fluke block. Established 1880.

For latest Novelties in Wash Goods go to McCullum's.

All Ready for Operations.

The directors of the Commercial Petroleum Company held a meeting in the office of City Clerk Shanklin last night and made arrangements to begin the work of sinking wells in the Coalville district immediately. W. W. Machen, the district manager of the company, returned last Saturday night from Los Angeles, where he purchased a plant, and everything is ready now for operations.

For best values on the Pacific Coast go to McCullum's.

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At Our Dress Goods Counter.

We show this week a collection of Spring Fabrics, comprising new lines of Black and Colored Figured Alpaca at

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40-inch Black Figural Mohairs, at 80c Yard

Two-toned All-wool Serge, only 35c Yard.

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A complete new assortment just opened in Black and Colored Silk, for ladies and children.

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Have you seen the very latest?

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Very stylish and effective.

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